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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims

1-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A procedure for hardening at least one surface (S, L) of a wall (W) of a component (T)